GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIR SERVICES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from Government of Rajasthan for the extension and improvement of air services in view of the vast potential of developing industries and tourism in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b):- Requests have been received from Government of Rajasthan and others for starting air services on Jaipur-Bangalore-Jaipur route; commencing air services between Jaipur and Hong-Kong; introduction of air services to Bikaner and Kota; augmentation of air services with/within Rajasthan, restoration of air transport services in Udaipur-Aurangabad sector; introduction of direct flight between Jaipur and Chandigarh etc.

(c):- Indian Airlines already provides air connectivity to tourists points in Rajasthan namely Jodhpur, Jaipur and Udaipur. Indian airlines also links Jaipur to Singapore, Bangkok and Dubai. Indian Airlines is unable to start/restore air services as requested for various reasons such as aircraft constraints, inadequate traffic potential, commercial non-viability of the operations etc.

However, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North Eastern Region. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.